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FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 594

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB, VN, CH

SUBJ: SIHANOUK INTERVIEW TIH AFP

1. AFP CORRESPONDENT WHO INTERVIEWED SIHANOUK AUGUST 17 HAS PROVIDED USLO OFFICER WITH FURTHER DETAILS NOT CONTAINED IN WIRE SERVICE STORY. SIHANOUK TOLD AFP THAT HE HAD RETURNED ONE DAY EARLY FROM TIENTSIN WHERE HE WAS UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN ORDER TO MEET WITH PHAM VAN DONG. HE SAID HE ASKED DRV PREMIER TO PROVIDE KHMER INSURGENTS (KI) WITH FURTHER DIRECT ARMS SUPPLIES, BUT PHAM VAN DONG SAID DRV COULD NOT SUPPLY ARMS BECAUSE "IT IS NO LONGER AT WAR." HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IF KI COULD ENTER SOUTH VIETNAM THEY COULD CARRY BACK ARMS AND SUPPLIES FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE HELD AREAS.

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2. IN DISCUSSING THREE STRATEGIES MENTIONED IN AFP ARTICLE,

I.E., A) CAPTURE PHNOM PENH, B) CUT SUPPLY LINES TO THE  
CAPITAL, OR C) CONCENTRATE ON TAKING RING OF PROVINCIAL CAPITALS,  
AFP CORRESPONDENT FOUND SIHANOUK RATHER LESS CONFIDENT THAN  
PREVIOUSLY. HE SAID FIRST AND SECOND OPTIONS INVOLVED RISK OF  
RENEWED U.S. BOMBING AND THIRD INVOLVED MILITARY ACTION CLOSE TO  
SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND THAI BORDERS WITH ATTENDANT RISK OF REACTION  
FROM ONE OR BOTH GOVERNMENTS. SIHANOUK EMPHASIZED,  
HOWEVER, THAT KI MERELY REGROUPING AT PRESENT AND FIGHTING  
WOULD CONTINUE IN RAINY SEASON.  
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